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Subject: **Update on East Timor at UNCHR**

1. The final version of the Portuguese draft resolution on East Timor has been officially endorsed by its EC partners. While the current text is strong, it is not exactly what we were dreaming of. However, in view of the forces within CHR, a stronger text would have even less chance of being adopted.

2. Even as it is and with the full endorsement of the EC bloc, there is still no guarantee that it will be carried.

3. Of the total CHR membership of 53, 15 belong to WEAO (I am including Russia and other Eastern European members in this group for purposes of vote counting), 16 Africans, 11 latin Americans and 11 Asians. We are assured of all 15 WEAO members, maybe half of the Africans and most latin Americans. This means we may have a good majority. However, we still have two weeks before the vote and Indonesia is lobbying the Africans and NAM hard for a show of "solidarity" with Asia.

4. Almost the whole Asian group is lost to us. We might be lucky to have Japan and the Philippines abstaining. Only Cyprus which is in the Asian group most likely will vote with us. As of yesterday, Japan was still talking about a "consensus similar to last year's on the Baltic states" which was equivalent to nothing. Maybe, they now will go along with the EC draft. Friends in Japan: call on the Diet and Foreign Affairs to have Japan vote in favour.

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5. For friends in Australia, please contact DFAT regarding this. There are some indications that Australia will vote for this draft. In lobbying, please stress the following points: the draft is consistent with the Caucus resolution; it is an EC consensus; very balanced since it takes into consideration the so-called Indonesia's own investigation.

6. For friends everywhere - Contact everyone you can get hold of regarding the Philippines. We must get the Philippines to abstain. Use your Church contacts and others in the Philippines to lobby Cory.

7. Item 12 of the agenda will begin today or tomorrow. Several statements on ETimor are expected.

8.A final note of clarification: the original draft we sent you was a maximalist one and served only as a bargaining tool. Sorry we did not tell you that it was not a really serious proposition. However, had we told you so, you probably would not have pushed it so hard. Besides, anyone else could have read it.

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